

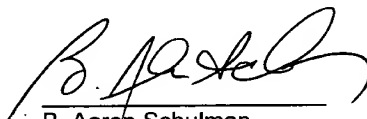
than one year prior to the filing of the present application. Without addressing the relevance of this reference, Applicant has now removed Bar-Or as a reference by virtue of the attached Declaration of Dr. Daniel C. Carter, Ph.D. under Rule 131 which swears behind the Bar-Or publication date of April 13, 2000. In light of the removal of Bar-Or as a reference, the only remaining rejection has become moot and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, in light of the present filing of the attached Rule 131 declaration, this case has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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